



2003 Gold Star Award Presented to STAR USA Federal Credit Union and Weberwood Elementary School

Governor Bob Wise presented one of ten Education Alliance Gold Star Awards to STAR USA Federal Credit Union and Weberwood Elementary school for their exemplary school-business partnership. In addition to receiving a specially designed Gold Star award, Weberwood elementary was given a \$1,000 award to be utilized to enrich additional innovative programs that benefit students.

STAR's goal for the partnership is to enrich and enhance the lives and education of the students. STAR is committed to being a responsible corporate citizen and part of that philosophy is teaming with Weberwood Elementary School to support the children in the community and to help with their education. STAR encourages students to join in the Dollar Dog Kids Club to learn about the importance of saving, earning and investing money. STAR also supports the PAWS (Pride, Attitude, Work, Success) program by purchasing and distributing incentive prizes and participates in Read Aloud, social studies/science fair and career day activities. The focus of partnership activities are to promote lifelong learning and proficiency in basic skills, to emphasize student responsibility for their own learning and actions, to invite parental and community involvement, and to provide experiences beyond the basic skills to enable healthy, balanced and creative lives.